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Labour Force Survey: Special Report

LABOUR FORCE STATUS - STATISTICAL REGIONS ORIGINAL SERIES

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This special report contains original (unadjusted) estimates of employed persons and unemployed persons for Statistical Regions by State. The estimates are from the ABS Labour Force Survey, and are drawn from a representative sample of over 34,000 dwellings. These series have shown historically a high degree of variability which is inherent in data about smaller labour markets.

The Labour Force Survey is designed primarily to produce reliable National and State estimates. While estimates for Statistical Regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level, there are no independent population benchmarks at the Statistical Region level. Therefore, Statistical Region estimates will add to the State total, but the individual Statistical Regions will show less stability for any estimate than for a similar estimate at the State level. In addition, estimates (particularly estimates of unemployment) are considerably smaller and are subject to higher relative standard errors.

Care should therefore be taken in the interpretation of regional estimates particularly in the month to month movements.

Standard Errors

Standard errors of the original estimates in this report for the States and Australia can be determined by using the methods described in the Technical Notes in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). Statistical Region standard errors are available upon request from Audrey Graviou on (06) 252 6525 or from any ABS State office. Very small estimates are subject to high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) which can detract seriously from their value for most general uses. Where estimates and percentages have relative standard errors greater than 25%, they have been identified by an asterisk (e.g. *1.0) to indicate that they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE AUSTRALIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL GIONS BY SEX, SEPTEMBER 1996

| | Males | | | | Females | | | | Persons | | | |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| | Employed - '000 - | Unemp- loyed - '000 - | Unemp- loyment rate - per cent - | Partici- pation rate - per cent - | Employed - '000 - | Unemp- loyed - '000 - | Unemp- loyment rate - per cent - | Partici- pation rate - per cent - | Employed - '000 - | Unemp- loyed - '000 - | Unemp- loyment rate - per cent - | Partici- pation rate - per cent - |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NEW SOUTH WALES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sydney Major SR | 1,605.9 | 145.1 | 8.3 | 73.0 | 1,208.4 | 104.0 | 7.9 | 52.8 | 2,814.3 | 249.2 | 8.1 | 62.7 |
| Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs | 1,037.2 | 80.1 | 7.2 | 75.0 | 801.3 | 55.9 | 6.5 | 55.1 | 1,838.5 | 136.0 | 6.9 | 64.8 |
| Inner Sydney SR | 122.5 | 8.8 | 6.7 | 71.7 | 90.1 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 58.7 | 212.6 | 14.9 | 6.6 | 65.6 |
| Eastern Suburbs SR | 78.5 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 73.3 | 61.8 | * 2.1 | * 3.3 | 64.7 | 140.3 | 6.5 | 4.5 | 69.3 |
| St. George-Sutherland SR | 76.4 | * 2.5 | * 3.2 | 76.5 | 56.5 | 4.2 | 6.9 | 59.0 | 132.8 | 6.7 | 4.8 | 67.8 |
| Canterbury-Bankstown SR | 124.3 | 8.6 | 6.5 | 74.5 | 100.6 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 60.7 | 224.9 | 13.1 | 5.5 | 67.7 |
| Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs | 72.7 | 11.2 | 13.4 | 71.4 | 54.3 | 4.8 | 8.1 | 49.0 | 127.0 | 16.0 | 11.2 | 60.1 |
| Fairfield-Liverpool SR | 131.7 | 16.6 | 11.2 | 77.7 | 85.8 | * 1.0 | 11.4 | 49.8 | 217.6 | 27.6 | 11.3 | 63.6 |
| Central Western Sydney SR | 68.2 | 12.2 | 15.2 | 72.4 | 42.6 | 6.9 | 13.9 | 46.8 | 110.8 | 19.1 | 14.7 | 59.9 |
| Outer Western Sydney SR | 64.7 | 8.8 | 11.9 | 69.9 | 47.3 | 5.7 | 10.7 | 47.9 | 112.1 | 14.4 | 11.4 | 58.6 |
| Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR | 80.7 | 5.8 | 6.7 | 79.5 | 66.6 | * 1.8 | * 2.6 | 58.5 | 147.2 | 7.6 | 4.9 | 68.6 |
| Lower Northern Sydney SR | 95.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 77.9 | 78.0 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 60.2 | 173.2 | 9.8 | 5.4 | 68.8 |
| Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR | 75.3 | * 2.1 | * 2.8 | 75.4 | 69.0 | * 1.8 | * 2.5 | 57.9 | 144.3 | * 3.9 | * 2.6 | 65.9 |
| Northern Beaches SR | 66.9 | * 2.8 | * 4.0 | 77.1 | 51.2 | * 2.4 | * 4.5 | 52.0 | 118.2 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 63.7 |
| Gosford-Wyong SR | 61.7 | 3.2 | 4.9 | 79.3 | 53.2 | 2.7 | 4.9 | 55.2 | 114.8 | 5.9 | 4.9 | 65.9 |
| Balance of New South Wales Major SR | 568.6 | 65.0 | 10.3 | 69.7 | 407.1 | 48.1 | 10.6 | 48.9 | 975.7 | 113.1 | 10.4 | 59.2 |
| Hunter SR | 127.7 | 17.4 | 12.0 | 69.1 | 88.2 | 10.3 | 10.4 | 46.3 | 216.0 | 27.7 | 11.4 | 57.6 |
| Newcastle SR Sector | 112.8 | 14.0 | 11.1 | 68.3 | 77.8 | 9.4 | 10.8 | 45.9 | 190.6 | 23.4 | 10.9 | 57.0 |
| Illawarra and South Eastern SRs | 141.3 | 14.7 | 9.4 | 70.1 | 110.1 | 14.6 | 11.7 | 52.2 | 251.4 | 29.3 | 10.4 | 60.8 |
| Illawarra Statistical Region | 96.8 | 11.7 | 10.8 | 68.8 | 73.2 | 10.8 | 12.8 | 50.8 | 169.9 | 22.5 | 11.7 | 59.6 |
| Wollongong SR Sector | 75.7 | 7.9 | 9.4 | 73.2 | 56.7 | 6.2 | 9.9 | 52.2 | 132.3 | 14.1 | 9.6 | 62.4 |
| Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs | 90.3 | 19.6 | 17.9 | 62.7 | 66.9 | 11.8 | 15.0 | 43.8 | 157.1 | 31.4 | 16.7 | 53.1 |
| Northern Far West-North Western and Central West SRs | 123.7 | 6.9 | 5.3 | 72.7 | 87.6 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 51.1 | 211.4 | 12.9 | 5.8 | 61.8 |
| Murray-Murrumbidgee SR | 78.6 | 5.2 | 6.3 | 77.0 | 48.9 | * 4.5 | * 8.3 | 51.3 | 127.5 | 9.7 | 7.1 | 64.4 |

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| | AUSTRALIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS BY SEX, SEPTEMBER 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------|-------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------|-------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| | Males | | | | | Females | | | | | Persons | |
| | Employed | Unemp-loyed - '000 - | Unemp- loyment rate - per cent - | Partici- pation rate | Employed | Unemp-loyed - '000 - | Unemp- loyment rate - per cent - | Partici- pation rate | Employed | Unemp-loyed - '000 - | Unemp- loyment rate - per cent - | Partici- pation rate |
| VICTORIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VICTORIA | 1,185.8 | 123.3 | 9.4 | 74.2 | 914.3 | 91.5 | 9.1 | 54.6 | 2,100.0 | 214.8 | 9.3 | 64.2 |
| Melbourne Major SR | 865.1 | 87.0 | 9.1 | 75.0 | 669.9 | 70.4 | 9.5 | 55.5 | 1,535.0 | 157.3 | 9.3 | 65.0 |
| North Western Melbourne SR | 65.3 | 7.7 | 10.6 | 74.0 | 53.2 | 7.0 | 11.7 | 56.0 | 118.5 | 14.8 | 11.1 | 64.6 |
| Outer Western Melbourne SR | 124.3 | 16.6 | 11.8 | 72.9 | 90.4 | 13.5 | 13.0 | 51.8 | 214.7 | 30.1 | 12.3 | 62.1 |
| Inner Melbourne SR | 56.9 | 7.5 | 11.6 | 72.7 | 55.1 | 4.2 | 7.1 | 60.3 | 112.0 | 11.7 | 9.4 | 66.2 |
| North Eastern Melbourne SR | 113.3 | 14.1 | 11.1 | 76.2 | 79.1 | 13.6 | 14.6 | 53.5 | 192.3 | 27.7 | 12.6 | 64.6 |
| Inner Eastern Melbourne SR | 122.1 | 9.3 | 7.1 | 73.7 | 98.1 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 58.8 | 220.1 | 15.6 | 6.6 | 66.3 |
| Southern Melbourne SR | 98.8 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 73.4 | 78.3 | 5.7 | 6.8 | 53.3 | 177.1 | 13.7 | 7.2 | 62.9 |
| Outer Eastern Melbourne SR | 134.7 | 7.2 | 5.1 | 79.2 | 105.0 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 59.6 | 239.7 | 12.6 | 5.0 | 69.2 |
| South Eastern Melbourne SR | 99.9 | 11.2 | 10.1 | 81.5 | 73.1 | 11.7 | 13.8 | 61.0 | 173.0 | 22.9 | 11.7 | 71.2 |
| Mornington Peninsula SR | 49.8 | 5.5 | 9.9 | 66.4 | 37.5 | * 2.9 | * 7.2 | 43.2 | 87.3 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 54.1 |
| Balance of Victoria Major SR | 320.7 | 36.3 | 10.2 | 72.3 | 244.3 | 21.1 | 8.0 | 52.3 | 565.0 | 57.4 | 9.2 | 62.1 |
| Barwon-Western District SR | 89.8 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 74.3 | 73.2 | 7.2 | 9.0 | 57.6 | 163.0 | 17.6 | 9.7 | 65.8 |
| Central Highlands-Wimmera SR | 45.0 | 7.9 | 15.0 | 68.8 | 41.2 | * 4.3 | * 9.4 | 53.2 | 86.2 | 12.2 | 12.4 | 60.6 |
| Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR | 60.8 | 6.4 | 9.6 | 70.4 | 41.7 | * 1.5 | * 3.5 | 42.5 | 102.5 | 7.9 | 7.2 | 56.0 |
| Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR | 74.2 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 76.9 | 52.3 | * 4.0 | * 7.1 | 57.9 | 126.5 | 8.8 | 6.5 | 67.6 |
| All Gippsland SR | 50.9 | 6.8 | 11.8 | 68.9 | 36.0 | * 4.1 | * 10.3 | 47.7 | 86.9 | 10.9 | 11.2 | 58.3 |
| QUEENSLAND | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| QUEENSLAND | 888.7 | 88.9 | 9.1 | 75.0 | 672.9 | 65.8 | 8.9 | 55.7 | 1,561.5 | 154.7 | 9.0 | 65.3 |
| Brisbane Major SR | 412.8 | 37.5 | 8.3 | 76.3 | 321.1 | 31.3 | 8.9 | 57.4 | 733.9 | 68.8 | 8.6 | 66.7 |
| Brisbane City Inner Ring SR | 106.2 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 75.3 | 82.6 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 57.9 | 188.8 | 12.2 | 6.1 | 66.6 |
| Brisbane City Outer Ring SR | 126.0 | 10.2 | 7.5 | 74.7 | 102.0 | 7.0 | 6.4 | 57.9 | 228.0 | 17.2 | 7.0 | 66.2 |
| South and East BSD Balance SR | 74.1 | 10.1 | 12.0 | 78.6 | 51.0 | 9.6 | 15.8 | 56.2 | 125.1 | 19.7 | 13.6 | 67.4 |
| North and West BSD Balance SR | 106.4 | 10.6 | 9.0 | 77.7 | 85.6 | 9.2 | 9.7 | 57.3 | 192.0 | 19.7 | 9.3 | 67.0 |
| Balance of Queensland Major SR | 475.9 | 51.4 | 9.7 | 74.0 | 351.8 | 34.5 | 8.9 | 54.2 | 827.7 | 85.9 | 9.4 | 64.1 |
| South and East Moreton Statistical Region | 91.6 | 14.8 | 13.9 | 75.1 | 78.5 | 8.0 | 9.2 | 57.3 | 170.1 | 22.7 | 11.8 | 65.9 |
| North and West Moreton Statistical Region | 59.7 | 7.0 | 10.5 | 66.0 | 44.0 | 5.0 | 10.2 | 50.7 | 103.7 | 12.0 | 10.4 | 58.5 |
| Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region | 52.8 | 7.1 | 11.8 | 69.9 | 37.9 | 6.2 | 14.0 | 51.4 | 90.7 | 13.3 | 12.8 | 60.6 |
| Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region | 62.5 | 3.7 | 5.6 | 70.5 | 40.2 | 4.4 | 9.9 | 49.6 | 102.7 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 60.3 |
| Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region | 84.3 | 7.9 | 8.6 | 76.4 | 56.2 | 4.2 | 7.0 | 49.2 | 140.5 | 12.1 | 7.9 | 62.7 |
| Northern-North West Statistical Region | 60.6 | 5.6 | 8.5 | 76.8 | 44.8 | 4.0 | 8.2 | 57.1 | 105.4 | 9.6 | 8.3 | 67.0 |
| Far North Statistical Region | 64.3 | 5.4 | 7.7 | 83.4 | 50.2 | * 2.7 | * 5.1 | 65.4 | 114.5 | 8.1 | 6.6 | 74.6 |

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| | Employed | Unemp- | Unemp- | Partici- | Employed | Unemp- | Unemp- | Partici- | Employed | Unemp- | Unemp- | Partici- | Persons | Persons | Persons |
| | | loyed | loyment | partion | | loyed | loyment | partion | | loyed | loyment | partion | | | |
| SOUTH AUSTRALIA | | | | | | | | | | | | SOUTH AUSTRALIA | | | |
| SOUTH AUSTRALIA | 365.7 | 43.0 | 10.5 | 70.6 | 293.5 | 27.5 | 8.6 | 53.5 | 659.1 | 70.5 | 9.7 | 61.9 | | | |
| Adelaide Major Statistical Region | 263.6 | 33.4 | 11.2 | 69.7 | 216.7 | 22.8 | 9.5 | 53.1 | 480.3 | 56.2 | 10.5 | 61.2 | | | |
| Northern Adelaide Statistical Region | 86.4 | 11.9 | 12.1 | 76.8 | 67.0 | 8.1 | 10.8 | 55.4 | 153.4 | 20.0 | 11.6 | 65.8 | | | |
| Western Adelaide Statistical Region | 44.9 | 7.2 | 13.8 | 60.0 | 37.9 | 4.6 | 10.8 | 45.9 | 82.8 | 11.7 | 12.4 | 52.7 | | | |
| Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region | 52.2 | 4.9 | 8.6 | 67.2 | 44.2 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 53.8 | 96.4 | 8.0 | 7.6 | 60.4 | | | |
| Southern Adelaide Statistical Region | 80.1 | 9.4 | 10.5 | 70.9 | 67.6 | 7.1 | 9.4 | 55.3 | 147.7 | 16.4 | 10.0 | 62.8 | | | |
| Balance of South Australia Major SR | 102.1 | 9.6 | 8.6 | 73.1 | 76.8 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 54.8 | 178.9 | 14.3 | 7.4 | 64.1 | | | |
| Northern and Western SA Statistical Region | 40.3 | 5.0 | 11.0 | 71.7 | 29.7 | * 1.8 | * 5.9 | 54.3 | 70.0 | 6.9 | 8.9 | 63.3 | | | |
| Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region | 61.8 | 4.6 | 6.9 | 74.1 | 47.1 | 2.9 | 5.7 | 55.2 | 108.8 | 7.5 | 6.4 | 64.6 | | | |
| WESTERN AUSTRALIA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WESTERN AUSTRALIA | 484.9 | 41.3 | 7.9 | 76.7 | 365.6 | 27.8 | 7.1 | 56.8 | 850.5 | 69.1 | 7.5 | 66.7 | | | |
| Perth Major Statistical Region | 347.2 | 31.5 | 8.3 | 75.9 | 272.4 | 19.8 | 6.8 | 56.0 | 619.7 | 51.3 | 7.6 | 65.7 | | | |
| Central Metropolitan Statistical Region | 43.1 | 3.2 | 6.9 | 72.8 | 35.6 | 2.5 | 6.5 | 58.5 | 78.8 | 5.7 | 6.7 | 65.6 | | | |
| East Metropolitan Statistical Region | 55.4 | 4.1 | 6.9 | 75.5 | 40.9 | 3.4 | 7.7 | 54.1 | 96.3 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 64.6 | | | |
| North Metropolitan Statistical Region | 105.1 | 10.8 | 9.3 | 76.5 | 80.9 | 5.4 | 6.3 | 55.0 | 186.0 | 16.2 | 8.0 | 65.5 | | | |
| South West Metropolitan Statistical Region | 66.2 | 5.5 | 7.7 | 73.3 | 52.2 | 3.9 | 6.9 | 54.3 | 118.3 | 9.4 | 7.4 | 63.5 | | | |
| South East Metropolitan Statistical Region | 77.4 | 7.9 | 9.2 | 79.3 | 62.8 | 4.6 | 6.8 | 59.1 | 140.2 | 12.5 | 8.2 | 68.9 | | | |
| Balance of Western Australia Major SR | 137.7 | 9.8 | 6.6 | 79.0 | 93.2 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 59.1 | 230.8 | 17.8 | 7.2 | 69.4 | | | |
| Lower Western WA Statistical Region | 68.6 | 5.4 | 7.3 | 76.0 | 49.9 | 4.6 | 8.5 | 57.1 | 118.5 | 10.1 | 7.8 | 66.7 | | | |
| Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region | 69.0 | 4.3 | 5.9 | 82.2 | 43.3 | 3.4 | 7.3 | 61.5 | 112.3 | 7.8 | 6.5 | 72.7 | | | |
| TASMANIA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TASMANIA | 115.2 | 14.5 | 11.2 | 71.5 | 84.9 | 9.3 | 9.8 | 50.2 | 200.1 | 23.8 | 10.6 | 60.7 | | | |
| Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector | 56.2 | 6.7 | 10.7 | 70.7 | 44.0 | 5.0 | 10.3 | 52.1 | 100.1 | 11.8 | 10.5 | 61.1 | | | |
| Greater Hobart Statistical Division | 47.1 | 5.2 | 10.0 | 70.3 | 37.4 | 3.9 | 9.5 | 52.4 | 84.6 | 9.1 | 9.8 | 61.1 | | | |
| Northern Statistical Region Sector | 34.5 | 3.9 | 10.2 | 74.5 | 24.2 | 2.2 | 8.3 | 50.3 | 58.7 | 6.1 | 9.4 | 62.3 | | | |
| Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector | 24.5 | 3.9 | 13.6 | 69.5 | 16.8 | 2.0 | 10.9 | 45.9 | 41.3 | 5.9 | 12.5 | 57.6 | | | |
| NORTHERN TERRITORY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NORTHERN TERRITORY | 48.1 | 2.6 | 5.2 | 79.2 | 39.6 | 2.4 | 5.7 | 67.2 | 87.7 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 73.3 | | | |
| AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY | 84.1 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 79.5 | 72.2 | 6.2 | 7.9 | 65.9 | 156.3 | 13.1 | 7.8 | 72.6 | | | |
| AUSTRALIA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AUSTRALIA | 4,778.3 | 465.8 | 8.9 | 74.0 | 3,651.3 | 334.5 | 8.4 | 54.5 | 8,429.6 | 800.2 | 8.7 | 64.1 | | | |

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